



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF SR-6J

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND USPS

Friday, August 1, 2007

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Dear Ms. Hale,

The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 (Region 5) has reviewed Weyerhaeuser's proposal (see letter from Weyerhaeuser to Region 5 dated May 14, 2007) to conduct an emergency action to "prevent, abate, or minimize" a potential release of Waste Material from the banks of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill, in accordance with Paragraph 67 of the *Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit #4 and the Plainwell Inc. Mill Property of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (CD)*, Docket No. 1:05CV003.

Region 5 understands that Weyerhaeuser has determined a release of Waste Material from the banks of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill is likely as a result of the planned partial dismantling of the Plainwell Dam and the likeliness that additional dams downstream will also be dismantled. Based on Weyerhaeuser's determination, Region 5 authorizes Weyerhaeuser to conduct activities to "prevent, abate, or minimize" the potential release of Waste Material from the banks of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill under paragraph 67 of the CD.



Region 5 expects the design concept, data needs, data quality objectives, and scope of work for the activities will be submitted for our review in the near future. Should you have any questions in regards to the tasks, please do not hesitate to contact me at the information below or 312.886.1434.

Sincerely,

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